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OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION BULLETIN

TO: Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Providers

SUBJECT: OSS Entitlement Increase

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will increase the OSS Entitlement amount effective with dates of services on or after July 1, 2006. The maximum entitlement payment made to a facility on behalf of the qualified resident will be increased by \$85.00 to \$1036.00. The personal needs allowance will remain \$51.00 for category 86 residents and \$71.00 for category 85 residents. As in the past, the personal needs allowance must be deducted from other income that the resident receives rather than the OSS entitlement payment. The increase in the monthly OSS entitlement will be reflected in the regularly scheduled check for July 2006 services issued September 1, 2006. The new amount a facility may now charge is \$985.00, an \$85.00 increase from the previous \$900.00.

The new provider daily entitlement amounts that are being used to calculate your payments for July 2006 through December 2006 dates of service are as follows:

1. September, November (30 day months) \$34.53 a day,
2. July, August, October, December (31 day months) \$33.41 a day.

The OSS entitlement payments made on behalf of residents to Community Residential Care Facilities are considered payment in full. Any differences caused by rounding in the payment system cannot be billed to the resident or deducted from the resident's personal needs allowance.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact your Program Manager at (803) 898-2590.

Thank you for your continued participation in the South Carolina OSS Program.

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